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Our Commodore, Alan, poses between two lovely ladies at Commodore's Evening. Deputy Mayor, Pamela Bryant (left) was standing in for the Mayor and was accompanied her colleague Councillor Louise Clubley

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It has been a busy month at the club.

The Commodore's Evening saw our Commodore welcoming guests from

neighbouring clubs as well as the Deputy Mayor and her colleague. See photo on the front page.



We also had Peter Munt's birthday party (we won't say how old) complete with Obviously Elvis. As well as providing us with Elvis songs he had the knack of creeping up on unsuspecting partying clubmembers.

Also, someone had the idea

that the England v Wales 6 Nations Rugby match should be celebrated at the clubhouse as England were bound to win,

weren't they? Maybe not! Any images of yours truly waving a leek should be immediately obliterated from your minds.

Talking of things 'Welsh' you are invited to celebrate St. David's Day at the club on Friday March 1st. The Welsh delicacies of Cawl, Welsh Cakes and Bara Brith will be there for your delectation and live music will be provided by "Doc'.

A fortnight later we will be celebrating St. Patrick's day and the following weekend will be the Roughay Bowl weekend.

Plenty to look forward to there then!









SAT 16TH MARCH

2019

BAR OPEN AT 7.30PM - NIBBLES

"Fareham Creekers" (On The Balcony)

Supporting Act..... "The Creeklets"



BIG PADDY RAFFLE GET YOUR TICKETS FROM MARGARET!!! Free Entry (as long as you wear GREEN)

The Roughay Bowl

The Lugger 'World Cup' ! 6 Races over 2 days Saturday 23rd March 11:45 Sunday 24th March 12:45





Saturday Níght 'Open Míc Síng Song' Sunday Entertaínment From 15:00

> 'Sounds Alíve' Príze Gíving Sunday 16:00 Bar extension 18:00

Lugger Racing

On Sunday 24th Feb, we had another set of 3 lugger races in the New Year Series. The weather was glorious for February - bright, sunny and warm(!) with a light SSE breeze and quite a strong flood tide initially, which luckily slackened as the racing progressed. The

wind direction was ideal for a beating start down the creek and a "sausage" course back up and round to the club. The combination of a lovely day and a lunchtime start meant there were 10 luggers racing and another new member took out a club boat, just to try it out - lovely to see so many boats out.

In all 3 races, Mark Jones, Martin Duffus, Paul Limburn and Chris Hare were generally the lead boats, battling it out between

them, though Martin had to fight his way up through the fleet on the last race, when he was a little too keen and was over the line at the start and had to go back. Bob Close made a couple of good starts, but sadly slipped down the fleet as the races progressed. John Neal was up with the front runners on the first race, but got pipped at the line by Paul and then sadly slipped a place, right on the line, in both his other races.

Overall some good close racing, which I think everyone enjoyed.

Jack Chipendale Trophy.

A presentation of a new trophy in memory of Jack Chippendale, who was a long time member

of the club and boat builder in the premises next door our club was made on the afternoon of Sunday 24th February.

Jack was an active member of our club in the 1960s and his family and friends felt that they wanted a memorial to his activities in

> Fareham and this could best be done with a trophy in his name.

The elegant trophy is pictured right.

Many friends, family and workers made their way from Norfolk to hand over this trophy.

He was obviously a well respected employer, setting great store by the principle of training his

apprentices to the best standard possible.

His legacy of boats built reads like a 'who's who' of racing dinghies. Fireballs, Merlin Rockets, Osprey, International 5-0-5 and Kestrels are amongst the many he was famous for building

In the 1950s and 1960s Chippendale Boats, based at Fareham, became a byword for quality, and expanded until its staff numbered 35.

After financial problems the Fareham yard closed and he relocated to Norfolk but it is nice to know that our club was important enough to him and his family and friends to make this generous gesture.





Photos by Fran Rees





hurdles.

Another busy month slightly hampered by the weather and a few minor Tony Blair (on behalf of the Boatswain's Team)

Salterns Car Park

The work progresses to provide a paved area for the trolleys and a screened compound for the storage of essential items.

We would suggest car owners might consider reversing into the bays which will be re-lined shortly.

The pathway between the Car Park and the Bridge gate is due for a periodic maintenance session which may cause some minor inconvenience to members travelling to and fro. This will not be as inconvenient as the everglades of vesteryear and no crocodiles will be disturbed.

In Locks Yard

A few changes have already taken place in an attempt to unravel the Plumbers Nightmare. This involves moving



craft and the oar store from pillar to post in an attempt to squeeze a Quart into a Pint Pot. Your patience and help is and will be much appreciated.

As we have just about exhausted any sideways expansion the main possibility is upwards and we are considering, in association with David Hill, the feasibility of a "drystack" rack to store the single-handers and lighter craft and thus vacate a number of ground level berth spaces.

Graham is under instruction to keep the pasties and doughnuts coming. They keep the energy levels topped up and Peter obviously completed his Senior Citizen education in a Costa Emporium, Thankfully we have Sandra in attendance on most Fridays to keep the latter in trim.

Burns Night Celebration

Apart from launching Dawne Parkers Haggis into her lap amidst a maelstrom of red wine and gravy the Burns Night Celebration was well received and, against all odds, we didn't need to pressgang her husband Chris and Nigel Foster into the gently expanding team of volunteers.

We intend making up several folders enclosing issues of Gaynor's Grandiose FSMBC News Gazette to be kept in the Bar area. Should they stray from their appointed location the offending critters could be keelhauled* when the tide is out or handed to Gaynor** in Irons for a fate worse than death! (Spare copies will be available to take away...Ed.)

* Definition. Keelhaul ... punish (someone) by dragging them through the water under the keel of a ship, either across the width or from bow to stern. This is particularly harsh if the tide is out as Tony suggests.

** This is news to Gaynor who has no idea what the 'fate worse than death' involves. Still, she can have fun imagining the scenario.

Rouges' Gallery

Who is the new Hon Bar Manager?

Pam and Vic posed a supposedly innocent question some months ago - "would you fancy helping out with the cleaning of the pipes on a Thursday morning?" Being ever helpful, of course, I said "yes". Who can say no to such a lovely couple? Little did they, or I, know that in November they would be stepping down as Hon Bar Managers and I would be taking over the reins if elected by the membership of the sailing club. Funnily enough there were no other nominations for the post. I wonder why? Pam and Vic are a great couple who ran the bar with ease and as such they are a hard act to follow.

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So, who am I?

Depending on who you are, you will most probably know me as Bob and my wife is Natalie. Now she has been active on the committee before as an elected member and Hon Secretary but me, I stayed in the background. Now is my time to give back to a sailing club that I enjoy being a member of and want to see flourish in the future with new members of all ages.

A bit of personal background - I joined the Royal Navy at the early age of 16 and served 35 years. A marine engineer by trade, so I know my way round an engine or two. As a youth I was sea cadet national champion in dingy racing and a keen canoeist.



The years have taken their toll and I am now the owner of a Westerly Centaur, a club lugger and go racing with Jim on Magic in the Interclub Series. But my claim to club fame is I won the Delme Dash some years ago - but have yet to appear on the trophy!

The saying "why change what's not broken" rings true with the bar as it stands and the way it operates, but I am always open to any new suggestions or ideas.

(I'm told that the blonde bombshell pictured above is Bob's attempt at reviving the tradition of 'one man and one lady in a lugger' for the Delme Dash and is not his everyday look. Judge for yourself. ... Ed)

Bob Close